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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "elderly" means a person sixty years of age or older, and (2)
3 "nursing home facility" has the same meaning as provided in section
4 19a-521 of the general statutes.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
6 Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop a plan to ensure that, on
7 and after January 1, 2016, not less than seventy-five per cent of elderly
8 persons who require long-term care shall receive such care in a home
9 setting rather than a nursing home facility.

10 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
11 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
12 conduct a study that identifies: (1) The number of elderly persons in
13 this state projected to be in need of long-term care on and after January
14 1, 2016; (2) the projected percentage of persons identified in

15 subdivision (1) of this subsection who would be deemed functionally
 16 capable of receiving long-term care in a home setting; (3) federal and
 17 state funds projected to be available to support such care on and after
 18 January 1, 2016; (4) projected savings from providing such care in a
 19 home setting rather than a nursing home facility for seventy-five per
 20 cent of those requiring such care; (5) labor force changes needed to
 21 provide such care; and (6) impact on nursing home facilities.

22 (d) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
 23 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
 24 convene a working group which includes, but is not limited to: (1)
 25 Elderly long-term care consumers or their representatives; (2)
 26 representatives of home care providers; (3) representatives of for-profit
 27 and not-for-profit nursing homes; and (4) Department of Social
 28 Services and Department of Public Health staff who oversee long-term
 29 care services and regulations.

30 (e) Not later than December 31, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
 31 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
 32 present the plan described in subsection (b) of this section to the joint
 33 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 34 matters relating to aging, human services and public health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure than seventy-five per cent of elderly persons in need of long-term care shall receive such care in a home setting rather than a nursing home facility by December 31, 2015.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]